

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of September 12, 2006

LOCATION:	234 N. Central Avenue, Suite 6400, Parks Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85004
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Laurel Arndt; Celeste Hamilton; Jill Kusy; Anne Lynch; Jack Stapley; Randy Virden
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	Raul Chayrez;
STAFF PRESENT:	R.J. Cardin, Assistant Director; Ken Mouw, Engineering Manager; Fareed Abou-Haidar, GIS Technician; Chris Coover, Maricopa Trail Manager; Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Superintendent; Jennifer Waller, Westside Superintendent; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Coordinator IV and Recorder; Rand Hubbell, Park Supervisor; Joe Ballengee, Trails; Kevin Costello, County Counsel

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the September 12, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – Jill Kusy, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Vice Chair Jill Kusy called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

ITEM # 2 – ROLL CALL – Roll Call taken - a quorum was present.

ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2006 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Jill Kusy, Vice-Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM*

- Motion to approve the August 8 minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Virden. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #4- DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – RJ Cardin, Assistant Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM*

- Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department recently received two awards from the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA). The first award was a Natural Resource Award to the Desert Outdoor Center for the Solar Thermal Air Conditioning/Heating project. The second was for Outstanding Sports Program at McDowell Mountain Regional Park for the Mountain Bike by the Moonlight program. Staff from both parks were on hand that evening to accept the awards. Kudos to staff for their exceptional job in developing these projects and programs.

- McDowell Mountain Regional Park now has an extension from the Dixie Mine Trail to the Pemberton Trail. A trail connection has been completed, which is yet to be named, from the Dixie Mine Trail to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.
- At San Tan Mountain Regional Park all the fencing is complete and Pinal County has put up no parking and road closure signs.
- Maricopa Trail received notification to proceed on segment 10 and other areas are proceeding as well. Besides the Maricopa Trail system, Chris Coover is also working on the amphitheaters and visitor centers in the parks.
- Lake Pleasant deadline for the public comments to the draft Environmental Assessment has ended and the Bureau of Reclamation is currently reviewing to determine if an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.
- A meeting with citizen representatives from the Town of Wickenburg recently went very well and they are looking forward to having a County Park in the Vulture Mine area.
- Commissioner Virden asked if the trail connection at McDowell Mountain Regional Park at the Sonoran Preserve was accessible from another end. Park Supervisor Rand Hubbell stated that those trails are only accessible through the Park.

Commissioner Hamilton took over chairing the meeting.

ITEM #5 – SERVICE PIN PRESENTATION – RJ Cardin, Assistant Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *PRESENTATION ITEM*

- Assistant Director R.J, Cardin said a few words, thanked Rand Hubbell and asked Commissioner Hamilton to present him with the service pin for 10 years of service.

ITEM # 7 – CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Hamilton reminded everyone to vote today.
- Commissioner Hamilton noted that at the recent APRA Conference, she attended a round table meeting and mentioned seeing numerous staff in attendance. She thanked staff for the excellent job at the department booth at the conference.

Item # 8 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None.

Item # 9 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Celeste Hamilton, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

William C. Scalzo, Director/Secretary

Celeste Hamilton, Chair